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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants submit herewith form PTO-1449 (1 sheet) which lists references of which applicants are aware. It is noted that Applicants have not enclosed copies of the U.S. patents cited on Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also enclose a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) dated February 4, 2003 which issued in corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/04780. It is noted that the references cited therein were already submitted to the U.S. Patent Office as part of the Information Disclosure Statement transmitted on August 8, 2002.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the terms "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. It is noted that an Office Action was received on October 3, 2003, however, it was an Election/Restriction Requirement and not an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and that no fee is due. However, if a fee is due, the fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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